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In re Application of
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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicant's petition filed May 11, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant requests special status based on the invention relating to HIV/AIDS or Cancer. It is noted that none of the claims are directed to HIV/AIDS or Cancer diagnosis, treatment or prevention and that a cursory review of the specification does not show more than a general reference to any of these conditions or diseases, their diagnosis, treatment or prevention. The reasons for according special status on this basis are insufficient to justify special status.

Applicant also requests special status based on countering terrorism. That means the prevention or deterrence of terrorist acts (such as detecting explosives, security system disablement, etc.), not treatment of victims of terrorist attacks. Applicants claims and specification provide no guidance as to how such attacks could be deterred or prevented.

Applicant has not satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X or XI. Therefor the petition is **DISMISSED**. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be made within TWO MONTHS of the mail date thereof and must point out the errors thereof or provide adequate support for the special status claims made.

The application will be acted on in turn.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile transmission to the Office general facsimile number, 703-872-9306.

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